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TAGS: PTER, PREL, AR, UN
SUBJECT: MINISTER OF INTERIOR REQUESTS COUNTERTERRORISM
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REF: BUENOS AIRES 4813

1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO
MINISTER RUCKAUF'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFINGS ON ISSUES
RAISED IN REFTTEL.
3. THE PROBLEM WITH HIS REQUEST FOR A BRIEFING IN FT.

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MYERS IS THAT THE EXPERTISE TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES RESTS IN WASHINGTON AND IS SPREAD AMONG SEVERAL AGENCIES. FOR EXAMPLE, INFORMATION ON GROUPS WHO MAY BE IN THE AREA AND WHO COULD HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE ATTACK WOULD BE FOUND IN THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. CONVERSELY, THE FBI IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO DISCUSS HOW INVESTIGATIONS INTO TERRORIST ACTS ARE ORGANIZED.

4. WHILE UNDERSTANDING THE CONSTRAINTS OF RUCKAUF'S SCHEDULE, THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY ENCOURAGES HIM TO

TRAVEL FROM FT. MYERS TO WASHINGTON ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 27. WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

TO WASHINGTON

DEPART - FT. MYERS 620AM ARRIVE MIAMI 700AM

DEPART - MIAMI 730AM ARRIVE WASH 955AM

TO MIAMI

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DEPART - WASH D.C. 259P ARRIVE MIAMI 533PM

THIS ITINERARY WOULD RETURN HIM TO MIAMI IN AMPLE TIME TO MAKE HIS APPARENT CONNECTION TO BUENOS AIRES THAT EVENING. ANOTHER OPTION WOULD BE FOR HIM TO DELAY HIS RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES BY A DAY IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BOTH THE BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON AND HIS RESPONSIBILITIES IN FT. MYERS.

5. IN WASHINGTON, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ORGANIZE AND HOST A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH TERRORISM EXPERTS FROM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS FROM THE CIA AND FBI TO ADDRESS RUCKAUF'S QUESTIONS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL USG TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO ARGENTINA. WE WOULD ALSO ARRANGE TRANSLATION SERVICES FOR THE MEETING. THIS WASHINGTON BRIEFING WOULD COVER IN DETAIL THE ISSUES HE RAISED, AND WOULD CERTAINLY PROVE HELPFUL TO HIM AS HE OVERSEES THE INVESTIGATION OF THE AMIA BOMBING.

6. AS AN INDICATION OF ITS INTEREST IN PROVIDING SUCH A BRIEFING, THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED--SHOULD THERE BE AN

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ADDITIONAL CHARGE WHICH NEITHER THE GOA NOR THE MINISTER
WILL FUND--TO REIMBURSE THE COST OF MODIFYING THE
MINISTER'S TICKET TO INCLUDE A FT. MYERS/DC/MIAMI LEG.

7. AGAIN, THE PROBLEM WITH A BRIEFING IN FT. MYERS IS
THAT RELEVANT EXPERTISE ON THIS RANGE OF ISSUES IS
DIFFUSED AMONG SEVERAL AGENCIES. A BRIEFER WITH SPANISH
LANGUAGE CAPABILITY ABLE TO TRAVEL TO FORT MYERS COULD

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PROVIDE THE MINISTER AT BEST A LIMITED BRIEFING ON
TERRORIST GROUPS WHICH ARE ACTIVE IN THE REGION. SHOULD
THE MINISTER BE UNABLE TO COME TO WASHINGTON, THE
DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.
PLEASE ADVISE. TARNOFF

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